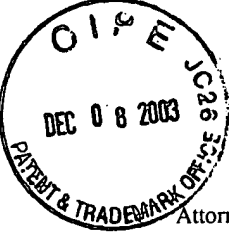


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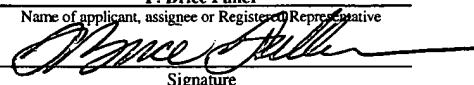
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION

SIR:

Responsive to the restriction requirement in the office action dated November 7, 2003, applicants hereby elect species A for prosecution for the event that no generic claims is finally held to be allowable.

Claims 1-3 and 16-17 read on species A, which relates to a gravure printing plate.
Further action on the merits is requested.

It is believed that no fees or charges are required at this time in connection with the present application; however, if any fees or charges are required at this time, they may be charged to our Patent and Trademark Office Deposit Account No. 03-2412.

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